Problem Section

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Problem A (proposed by Alexey Kanel) Is there a polynomial with rational coefficients whose minimum on the real line is $\sqrt{2}$?

Problem B (proposed by Frans Oort)

Are there infinitely many positive integers whose positive divisors sum to a square?

Problem C (proposed by Gabriele Dalla Torre)

For which odd positive integers *n* do there exist an odd integer k > n and a subset $S \subset \mathbf{Z} / k\mathbf{Z}$ of size *n* such that for every non-zero element $r \in \mathbf{Z} / k\mathbf{Z}$ the cardinality of the intersection $S \cap (S + r)$ is even? What about even *n*?



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